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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MASAYOSHI FUKATSU, ET AL.)	
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Application No.: 10/824,421)	
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Filed: April 15, 2004)	
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For: SHEET TREATING APPARATUS AND)	April 26, 2004
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	:	

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese reference is also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document may be found at page 1 of the specification.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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